

6/25 to 7/22/2011 – FEDERAL COURT ACTIVITY

United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Indiana

Hammond, Indiana - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

Carl Taylor, 29, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Lance Payton, 33, of East Chicago, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Enrique Gonzalez, 25, of Hammond, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Terrance Lovel Peterson, 23, of Hammond, Indiana, and Titus Finnell, 30, of Gary, Indiana, were charged in an indictment with two counts of possession with the intent to distribute cocaine, and one count of conspiracy to commit a Hobbs Act robbery. Finnell was also charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and the Hammond Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Lee Irving Gilyard, 26, and Marcus Gilyard, 25, both of Hammond, Indiana, were charged in an indictment with two counts of knowingly selling a firearm, that is a Kel Tec 9mm rifle, loaded with ammunition, to a Confidential Informant, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that the Confidential Informant had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. Lee Gilyard was also charged with two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Marcus Gilyard was also charged with selling ammunition to a Confidential Informant, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that the Confidential Informant had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Mark Alan Smith, 41, of Valparaiso, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with one count of possession of child pornography, and one count of receipt of child pornography. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

Blake Riley Titus, 22, of Indianapolis and West Lafayette, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with distribution of child pornography. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Highland Police Department, the Kokomo City Police Department, the Brownsburg Police Department, and the Indiana State Police. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

Janice Wiley, 63, of Steger, Illinois, pled guilty before Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to count two of an indictment charging her with possession with intent to distribute hydrocodone/Vicodin. Sentencing has been set for 11/3/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by Drug Enforcement Administration Diversion, the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Diane Berkowitz and Jacqueline Jacobs.

Rachel Castillo, 36, of Grant Park, Illinois, pled guilty before Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to count four of an indictment charging her with possession with intent to distribute hydrocodone/Vicodin in the case *US v Wiley et al.* Sentencing has been set for 11/4/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by Drug Enforcement Administration Diversion, the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Diane Berkowitz and Jacqueline Jacobs.

Terrance Casarez, 39, of Chicago Heights, Illinois, pled guilty before Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to count three of an indictment charging him with aiding and abetting and possession with intent to distribute hydrocodone/Vicodin *US v Wiley et al.* Sentencing has been set for 11/2/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by Drug Enforcement Administration Diversion, the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Diane Berkowitz and Jacqueline Jacobs.

Odell Morris, III, 30, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to one count of an indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine. According to the government, the FBI made controlled purchases of crack cocaine from Morris on September 17 and September 27, 2010, in Gary, Indiana, after which approximately \$1,400 in cash, over 30 grams of crack cocaine, a digital scale, and other drug dealing paraphernalia was recovered from searches of Morris's vehicle and residence in Gary, Indiana. In his plea agreement, Morris agreed that he is responsible for the distribution of between 280 and 840 grams of crack cocaine. Morris has prior felony convictions for burglary and aggravated vehicular hijacking. Sentencing has been set for 10/19/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Efrain Hernandez, 26, of Cicero, Illinois, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and distribution of methamphetamine. Sentencing has been set for 11/18/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Edmond Coutee, 30, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 37 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Ratcliffe.

Hugo Garcia, 47, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute cocaine in the case *US v Eloy Ortega et al.* These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Timothy Bartruff, 53, of Kouts, Indiana, was sentenced by to 360 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release after being found guilty at trial on counts one, two, three and five of a superseding indictment charging

him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, and distribution of methamphetamine in the case *US v Kasper et al*. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Porter County Sheriff's Office, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office, the Valparaiso Police Department, the Kouts Police Department, and the Porter County Prosecutor's Office. Other agencies that assisted include the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Indiana State Police, the Internal Revenue Service, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the Hebron Police Department and the Lake County HIDTA. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys David Nozick, Jennifer Chang-Adiga and Joshua Kolar.

David Martin, 32, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to the government, on March 8, 2011, the Gary Police arrested Martin after he fled in a vehicle and then on foot from a traffic stop. Police recovered a loaded semi-automatic pistol and a marijuana cigarette from the passenger compartment of Martin's vehicle. The firearm was determined to have been a stolen firearm. Martin has two prior convictions for possession with intent to distribute cocaine, including a federal drug distribution conviction for which he was recently released from prison following his supervised release having been revoked. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

William Rostin, 45, most recently of Crown Point, Indiana, was detained pending trial following being charged in a criminal complaint with the July 8, 2011, robbery of the Fifth Third Bank in Strack & Van Til grocery store in Hammond, Indiana, and the July 11 robbery of the First Financial Bank in the Strack & Van Til grocery store in Highland, Indiana. This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in conjunction with local police departments including the Hammond and Highland Police Departments. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Arnulfo Hernandez, 21, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, and distribution of methamphetamine. Sentencing has been set for 11/18/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Anthony Cruz, 32, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

David Castillo Rendon, 40, of Lafayette, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 121 months imprisonment and 10 years of supervised release, if not subject to deportation, after pleading guilty to counts one and two of an indictment charging him with receiving child pornography, and illegal reentry into the United States. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations, and the Lafayette Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

Alejandro Briseno, 20, of Hammond, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Sentencing has been set for 10/11/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Marvin Mallett, 38, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 14 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives . This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

Melissa Sloop, 43, of Goshen, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to two years of probation and restitution of \$15,907.00 after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging her with theft of government property, namely benefit funds administered by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor - Office of the Inspector General. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.

Charles Standifer, 35, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an Information with aiding and assisting in the preparation and presentation of a false and fraudulent tax return. Standifer worked as a tax preparer for Quick Sam in Gary, Indiana. Standifer prepared returns representing that the taxpayers were entitled to claim deductions for items and amounts that the taxpayers were not entitled to claim in the 2009 tax year. The information alleges false claims in amounts totaling approximately \$32,700. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

Rhonda Murphy, 35, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an Information with aiding and assisting in the preparation and presentation of a false and fraudulent tax return. Murphy worked as a tax preparer for Quick Sam in Gary, Indiana. Murphy prepared returns representing that the taxpayers were entitled to claim deductions for items and amounts that the taxpayers were not entitled to claim in the 2009 tax year. The information alleges false claims in amounts totaling approximately \$37,700. A change of plea hearing has been set for 8/1/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation . This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

Brittney Walker-Lipsey, 30, of East Chicago, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with eight counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation and presentation of false and fraudulent tax returns. Walker-Lipsey worked as a tax preparer for Quick Sam in Gary, Indiana. From on or about 1/1/10 to 4/15/10 and 1/1/11 to 4/15/11 Walker-Lipsey prepared returns representing that the taxpayers were entitled to claim deductions for items and amounts that the taxpayers were not entitled to claim. The indictment alleges false claims in amounts totaling approximately \$122,000. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

Chanel Bandy, 33, of Merrillville, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with nine counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation and presentation of false and fraudulent tax returns. Bandy worked as a tax preparer for Quick Sam in Gary, Indiana. From on or about 1/1/10 to 4/15/10 and 1/1/11 to 4/15/11, Bandy prepared returns representing that the taxpayers were entitled to claim deductions for items and amounts that the taxpayers were not entitled to claim. The indictment alleges false claims in amounts totaling approximately \$112,000. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

Darren Dunham, 46, of Kokomo, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with 21 counts of assisting another in the preparation of false income tax returns, 4 counts of filing a fraudulent tax return, and 1 count of identity theft. Dunham, a **former director of Home with Hope, a drug rehabilitation center in Lafayette, Indiana**, is the sole proprietor of D.A.D. Income Tax Service, which he runs out of Lafayette, Kokomo, Indianapolis, and Chicago, preparing personal tax returns. The indictment alleges false claims in amounts totaling approximately

\$281,000. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.

Anthony Williams, 39, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with two counts of distribution of crack cocaine, and one count of possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Juan Martinez-Rodriguez, 27, of Remington, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with misuse of a social security number and making false statements as to being a lawful permanent alien. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.

Elbert D. Nicholson, 22, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with three counts of fraudulent purchase of firearms, being a drug user illegally possession a firearm and receiving firearms while under Information for a felony. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

Ronald Love, 35, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 168 months imprisonment and 8 years of supervised release after being found guilty at trial as to counts one and two of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute and distribution of crack cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Alan Zimmerman, 43, of Chesterton, Indiana pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count one of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to manufacture and distribute marijuana. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Emanuel Williams, 26, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 51 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

Tynan Thompson, 31, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 108 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with interstate kidnaping in the case *US v Blades et al*. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Chicago Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Sherice Murff, 33, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 18 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging her with conspiracy to steal money from a program receiving federal funds. Murff was also ordered to pay restitution of \$211,000. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan Collins.

Martell Bailey, 20, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with making false statements in the purchase of a firearm in that he lied about purchasing the firearm for himself when he was actually purchasing the firearm for another individual.

Bailey also has pending felony robbery charges in state court. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and the Gary Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Sanuel Johnson, 34, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 24 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Johnson has a prior felony conviction for leaving the scene of an accident resulting in bodily injury, and Johnson also has two prior misdemeanor convictions for assault, one prior misdemeanor conviction for battery, one prior misdemeanor conviction for domestic battery, and seventeen prior convictions for driving while suspended or driving on a suspended license. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force, and the Gary Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

William Wicks, 48, of Chesterton, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count two of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Wicks made false statements in purchasing a .38 caliber revolver from a federally licensed firearms dealer by indicating that he did not have a felony conviction, when in fact he was previously convicted of the felony offense of burglary in 1983. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Lance Vitocorleone Payton, 33, of East Chicago, Indiana, was charged in a criminal complaint with possessing a firearm as a felon. According to the government, while on a street Payton shot a person in the shoulder in East Chicago on the evening of Sunday, June 26, after which Payton dropped the nine millimeter, semi-automatic pistol he used to do the shooting and fled. East Chicago Police arrested Payton and recovered the firearm. In a post-arrest statement, Payton indicated he had another firearm in his residence. The ATF thereafter executed a federal search warrant on Payton's residence and recovered four additional firearms and ammunition. Payton has prior felony convictions for intimidation, resisting law enforcement, and possession of cocaine, and has misdemeanor convictions for battery and resisting law enforcement. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and East Chicago Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Sarah Harris, 31, of Schererville, Indiana, was charged in criminal Information with making a false statement on a Uniform Residential Loan application, and identity theft. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Indiana State Police. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Information is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

South Bend, IN - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

Miguel Lopez, 25, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 22 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and aiding and abetting in the case *US v Macedo et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Gary Peterson, 53, of Elkhart, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 46 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Salvador Burke, 41, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with re-entry of a deported alien. Sentencing has been set for 10/6/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Melissa Sloop, 43, of Goshen, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to two years of probation and restitution of \$15,907.00 after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging her with theft of government property, namely benefit funds administered by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor - Office of the Inspector General. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.

Barry Williams, 25, of Michigan City, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 46 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with distribution of heroin. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Derrick Smith, 30, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Jon DeGuilio to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of firearms. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Elkhart Sheriff's Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Darryl Jackson, 42, of LaPorte, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to three years of supervised probation and eight months location monitoring after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging him with unlawful transport of firearms. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Theodore R. Wolfe, Jr., 28, of Winimac, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with unlawful transport of firearms. Sentencing has been set for 10/6/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Michael Love, 47, of Elkhart, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 51 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of ammunition, and with being an armed career criminal. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Neal Lucterhand, 26, of Elkhart, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 2 years of supervised probation, the first 6 months on home detention, after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Byron Harris, 30, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for

9/29/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Justin Myers, 25, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with failure to surrender for service of sentence. Sentencing has been set for 9/29/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the US Marshals Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

George Bradford, 39, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with use of a communication facility to distribute a controlled substance. Sentencing has been set for 10/5/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Tremaine Grant, 27, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by to 214 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts one and two of an indictment charging him with bank robbery while armed with a deadly weapon and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence in the case *US v Dion Davis et al.* Grant was ordered to pay \$65,119.89 in restitution to the Teachers Credit Union. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

William Pope, 43, of Logansport, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 27 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with failure to register as a sex offender. This case was the result of an investigation by the US Marshals Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Frank Stork, 32, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 82 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after being found guilty at trial on count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney William Grimmer.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Fort Wayne, IN - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

Anne VanWagner, 27, of Garrett, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 6 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging her with false statements in the application for social security benefits on behalf of her minor child, who had been removed from her custody. VanWagner was ordered to pay \$10,417.50 in restitution. This case was the result of an investigation by the Social Security Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina Nommay.

Greg Johnson, 40, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 18 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Geller.

Charles Dies, 54, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 156 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts 1 and 3 of a superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and possession with the intent to distribute cocaine in the case *US v Hutchins et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Anthony Geller and Tina Nommay.

Jamarcus Cooper, 27, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge William Lee to 39 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Fort Wayne Police Department Gang Unit. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina Nommay.

Harold Reed, 52, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by to one year of probation and \$995.33 in restitution after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging him with theft of government money. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Department of the Treasury, and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lovita Morris King.

Sylvia Garza, 49, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to count three of an indictment charging her with possession with the intent to distribute heroin. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Geller.

Damon Porter, 32, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to count four of an indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine in the case *US v Jarvis Buchanan et al.* These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, G-NET, Indiana State Police, the Fort Wayne Police Department, the Allen County Police Department, the Allen County Drug Task Force, and the New Haven Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Geller.

Miguel Hernandez-Rivera, 30, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 15 months imprisonment and 1 year of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with re-entry of a deported alien. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Geller.

Rodney Pope, 44, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 188 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Geller.

Takiesha McGlaston, 36, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 30 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging her with conspiracy to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine in the case *US v Andre Hutchins et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, the Fort Wayne Police Department, the Allen County Police Department, the Indiana State Police, and the Internal Revenue Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Anthony Geller and Tina Nommay.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.